

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Tourism-Administrative sanction for an amount of Rs.250.00 lakhs for the proposed works Development of Billasurgam Caves in K.K. Kottala Village of Betamcherla Mandal in Kurnool District - Orders - Issued.

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT, TOURISM AND CULTURE (T) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt. No.152

Dated:25.08.2021.

Read:

From the Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation Limited, Vijayawada. E-file bearing no. APTDC-21021(31)/3/2020-ENG SEC-APTDC

ORDER

In the reference read above, the Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation Limited has stated that Billasurgam caves are situated in a small village called K K Kottala of Betamcherla Mandal of Kurnool Dist. and are more than 5000 years. The caves were first discovered by the famous British Geologist Mr. Robert Bruce Foote in 1884. It is said that during the excavation numerous stone tools, animal remains and fragments of pottery were found in the caves proving the existence of prehistoric human activity inside the caves. Despite of such importance the footfall is less since there are no facilities near the Caves. The District Collector opined that if facilities are created, it will attract large number of people and promote tourism in the district.

2. The Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation Limited has requested the Government for administrative sanction for the proposal of "Development of Billasurgam Caves in K.K. Kottala Village of Betamcherla Mandal in Kurnool District" with an amount of Rs. 250.00 Lakhs under the capital head of Account: 5452-01-190-11-07-530-531 for the Financial Year 2021-22.

3. After careful examination of the matter, Government hereby accord administrative sanction for an amount of Rs.250.00 lakhs (Rupees Two Crores and Fifty lakhs only) for the proposed works "Development of Billasurgam Caves in K.K. Kottala Village of Betamcherla Mandal in Kurnool District" under the capital head of Account: 5452-01-190-11-07-530-531 for the Financial Year 2021-22.

4. The Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation Limited, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter as per rules and submit the Utilization Certificates, after completion of the work.

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5. This order is issued with the concurrence of the Finance (FMU-GAD-II) Department vide U.O.No. FIN01-FMUOMRAS (GAD2)/6/2020, dt:18.08.2021.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation Limited,
Vijayawada

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OSD to Minister for Tourism (T, TL&C)

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The Finance (FMU-GAD-II) Department.

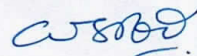
The Pay & Accounts Officer, Andhra Pradesh.

The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Andhra Pradesh.

The Accountant General (A&E), Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

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